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1. APRIL 12 HEADLINES. WALL ST. JOURNAL, SAUDI ARABIA OIL CASH TURNING DESERT LAND INTO MODERN STATE; SUBPOENA FOR NIXON TAPES ISSUED BY HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE; ARAB TERRORISTS SLAUGHTERED 18 PERSONS IN A RAID IN ISRAELI TOWN; W.A. BOYLE CONVICTED OF YABLONSKI MURDER; TRANSPORTATION/ COMMUNICATION STRIKES NEARLY BRING JAPAN'S ECONOMY TO STANDSTILL. NEW YORK TIMES LEAD STORY ON HOUSE SUBPOENA OF WHITE HOUSE TAPES; KISSINGER GAVE GLOOMY REPORT TO SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT; SENATE PASSES CAMPAIGN REFORM BILL - FACES STIFF OPPOSITION IN HOUSE. LEAD EDITORIAL ON SUBPOENAED TAPES, "MEETING THE ISSUE WITH RESPONSIBILITY"; SECOND EDITORIAL ON EFFECTS OF SIGNING OF MINIMUM WAGE BILL. WASHINGTON POST FRONT PAGE ALSO CARRIED ARTICLE ON STATEMENT BY SENATORS OF BOTH PARTIES WARNING SOVIET UNION NOT TO TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION DURING NUCLEAR ARMS CONTROLS TALKS; POST EDITORIAL QUESTIONS PRESIDENT'S DELAY IN GETTING TRUTH OUT ABOUT WATERGATE AND THE HOUSE SUBPOENA OF THE TAPES.

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BALTIMORE SUN JOE ALSOP EDITORIAL TITLED "FORGET THE ENERGY

CRISIS; DEPRESSION IN SIGHT", CITING ECONOMIC IMPACT OF ENORMOUS INCREASE IN PRICE OF CRUDE OIL TO BLAME FOR THREATENED FINANCIAL CALAMITY.

2. WIRES CARRYING STORY ON KISSINGER COMMENT "THERE WOULD NOT BE A PERMANENT AGREEMENT THIS YEAR" ON NUCLEAR STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION; UPI SAYS SIMON COULD NOT BE TAPPED TODAY TO SUCCEED SHULTZ. KISSINGER

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